

ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates to a multiplexing system comprising a set of transcoders ($TC[1]$ to $TC[n]$), a controller ($CONT$) and a multiplexer (MUX). The set of transcoders comprises n transcoders, each transcoder ($TC[i]$) allowing an input compressed data signal ($ICS[i]$) encoded at an input bit rate ($Rin[i]$) to be converted into an output compressed data signal ($OCS[i]$) encoded at an output bit rate ($Rout[i]$). The controller ($CONT$) receives from each transcoder parametric information on the regulation process and the video coding complexity and subsequently computes the bit rate allocated ($Rout[i]$) to each transcoder ($TC[i]$) according to a total bit rate capacity available at the output of the multiplexer. The controller receives also parametric information derived from the input compressed data signal ($ICS[i]$), this information being used to improve the bit rate allocation strategy. Finally, the multiplexer (MUX) provides a multiplexed data signal (MS) by multiplexing of the output compressed data signals ($OCS[1]$ to $OCS[n]$).

Use: Multi-channel transcoding

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